

UPPER MISSOURI RIVER

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Project Name: Upper Missouri River

Project Type:

- Acquisition/Easement/Protection
- Education
- Recreation (Wild and Scenic River)
- Restoration (Riparian)
- Youth



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Project Description: The Upper Missouri Wild and Scenic River, which flows through the Bureau of Land Management's Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument, remains largely unchanged since the days when Lewis and Clark traveled through the Missouri Breaks. In addition to its historical importance, the river provides habitat for the rare Pallid Sturgeon along with 48 other species of fish, 60 mammals and over 200 species of birds.

The Bureau of Land Management's National Riparian Service Team has taken a collaborative approach to recreation, restoration, and watershed management. The "Cottonwood Restoration Team" is a unique partnership made up of multiple agencies and non-governmental organizations. This partnership has agreed to cooperate in reestablishing spring river flows that mimic the natural flow regime to help restore the riparian areas and reestablish the historic groves of cottonwood trees present when Lewis and Clark navigated the river over 200 years ago.

Lead Federal Agencies:

- Bureau of Land Management
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- Bureau of Reclamation
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Non-Federal Partners:

- Missouri Conservation District Council
- PPL Montana
- Friends of the Missouri Breaks
- PN Ranch

Outcomes for 2012:

- Acquisition of 652 acres along the river corridor
- Eradicate Russian olive on 100 acres of riparian habitat



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